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This communication contains information about the CM/ECF system. Although this information is posted on the Court's website (www.moeb.uscourts.gov), I will continue to periodically distribute this digest of the information that may have immediate value for your practice.

- October 17, 2005 is the effective date for substantially all of the provisions of the new Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act. In view of the many changes dictated by the Act, the Court is coordinating three activities that are intended to educate practitioners to various provisions of BAPCPA. First, the judges of the Court will participate in a seminar on Friday, October 7, 2005 sponsored by the Bankruptcy Practice Memorial Fund and the Bar Association of Metropolitan St. Louis. Click on the following hyperlink to view the flyer for details of this seminar http://www.moeb.uscourts.gov/pdfs/bpmf_flyer.pdf. Similar programs are being considered for the Hannibal and Cape Girardeau Divisions. Second, the Court is sponsoring a web log (blog) on the internet. This blog provides an opportunity for practitioners to exchange viewpoints on the provisions of the new Act, and for the court staff to convey statutory and procedural information affecting your practice. The blog is available immediately and can be accessed at http://www.moeb.uscourts.gov/bapcp_2005/. **It is best viewed using Microsoft Internet Explorer 6.0 and higher or Netscape 7.0 or higher.** Third, the Chapter 13 Trustee's Office, with the assistance of the Court, is sponsoring a series of brown bag lunches at the Eagleton Courthouse to discuss provisions of the Act. The first brown bag lunch will be held on August 23, 2005. Click on the following hyperlinks for more details on this and future programs. http://www.moeb.uscourts.gov/pdfs/bblunch_082305.pdf and <http://www.ch13stl.com>
- Substantive changes to the Bankruptcy law usually require revisions to the Rules of Procedure and Official Forms. Implementation of new or amended rules and forms involves a two to three year process. However, it is anticipated that the Supreme Court Judicial Conference will soon transmit proposed Interim Rules and Forms to the Bankruptcy Courts for adoption by General or Standing Orders. In the Eastern District of Missouri, the Local Rules Advisory Committee has been actively preparing recommendations for consideration by the Board of Judges. Our Court will act as soon as the proposal is received from the Supreme Court. Information concerning the adoption of any Interim Rules for the Eastern District of Missouri will be posted on the Court's website. www.moeb.uscourts.gov
- The latest version of Pay.gov software, the mechanism used to pay fees electronically through CM/ECF, may require you to change your internet browser. Beginning on August 28, 2005, all electronic payment transactions will require the use of Microsoft's Internet

Explorer. For further information, see the public notice located on the Court's website at <http://www.moeb.uscourts.gov/pdfs/paygov.pdf>.

- A new feature of CM/ECF is the Summary Activity Report. You can find this new feature by looking under the Reports heading. This tool will provide you with a way to see activity in your cases for a given date. For example if your email is lost or your computer crashes you can quickly see what activity took place on a specific date. By entering a date you can get links to the cases in which you have an interest. After selecting the document of concern, you will be required to use your PACER account to view the actual document.